

MEMORANDUM

TO: Municode
FROM: Christopher Conard, Huber Heights Law Director
DATE: February 12, 2025
RE: Water Rates Changes – Ordinance No. 2018-O-2343

Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2018-O-2343 provides: “Effective with the April 2021 billing, all of the water rates then in effect shall be subject to an annual cost of living increase based on the Consumer Price Index, Series ID # CUURD200SA0, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics” using the 12-month percentage change of December to December.

Based on the above, the increase in rates effective in March, 2025 should be 3.00% times the current rate. Based on the foregoing, the March, 2025 rates as set forth in the Huber Heights Codified Ordinances Section 934.02 should be set forth below.

A copy of Ordinance No. 2018-O-2343 is attached.

Please note that subsequent to Ordinance No. 2018-O-2343, the City Council passed other water rate increases (Ordinance No. 2022-O-2521 and Ordinance No. 2022-O-2561) both of which expressly provided that “Nothing herein shall affect the annual cost of living increase based on the Consumer Price Index pursuant to Ordinance No. 2018-O-2343”).

Please update Section 934.02 of the Huber Heights Codified Ordinances to read as follows effective March 1, 2025:

934.02 WATER DISTRIBUTION RATES.

(a) Except as provided elsewhere in this section, water rates for all customers, including Customers that reside within the City limits that are in the Huber East Water District System shall be as follows.

- (1) The billing period shall be monthly and include estimated or actual readings.
- (2) The water rates to be charged shall be based on the volume of water consumption and the size of the water meter(s) servicing a property as follows:

Effective with the first billing in March 2025:	Effective with the first billing in March 2025:
Consumption Volume	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet
0 to 1500 cubic feet	\$3.1201
Over 1500 cubic feet	\$2.6381

- (3) Monthly service charges for water distribution services shall be based on the size of the largest meter servicing a property as follows:

Effective with the first billing in March 2025:	Effective with the first billing in March 2025:	Effective with the first billing in March 2025:
Meter Size	Residential User Service Charge	Commercial User Service Charge
5/8"	\$18.01	\$18.01
1"	\$44.54	\$44.54
1 1/2"	\$88.78	\$94.73
2"	\$141.79	\$151.27
3"	\$265.55	\$283.29
4"	\$448.57	\$478.61

Monthly service charges for water distribution for meter sizes not enumerated above shall be determined by the City Engineer in proportion to the rates for meter sizes listed above. The Citizens Water and Sewer Advisory Board shall hear appeals concerning service charge

determinations by the City Engineer and provide a recommendation of final action to the City Council. The City Council shall make the final decision regarding any appeal concerning service charge determinations by the City Engineer.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, Huber East Water District customers located outside of the City limits shall pay rates according to the following schedule:

(1) Monthly service charge based on meter size.

Effective with the first billing in March 2025:	Effective with the first billing in March 2025:
Meter Size	Service Charge
5/8"	\$26.66
1"	\$64.05
1 1/2"	\$126.33
2"	\$201.06
3"	\$375.49

(2) Volume charge based on the volume of consumption per cubic feet.

Effective with the first billing in March 2025:	Effective with the first billing in March 2025:
Consumption Volume	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet
0 to 1500 cubic feet	\$7.2304
Over 1500 cubic feet	\$6.2426

(c) Water Rates for Commercial/Industrial Customers not Within the City Limits.

(1) Commercial/Industrial Water District customers located outside of the City limits shall pay rates according to the following schedule:

A. Monthly service charge based on meter size.

Effective with the first billing in March 2025:	Effective with the first billing in March 2025:
Meter Size	Service Charge
5/8"	\$32.01
1"	\$76.87
1 1/2"	\$161.80
2"	\$257.46
3"	\$480.77

B. Volume charge based on the volume of consumption per cubic feet.

Effective with the first billing in March 2025:	Effective with the first billing in March 2025:
Consumption Volume	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet
0 to 1500 cubic feet	8.6761
Over 1500 cubic feet	7.5121

CITY OF HUBER HEIGHTS
STATE OF OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-O-2343

INCREASING THE WATER RATES IN SECTION 934.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF HUBER HEIGHTS, OHIO FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2019 AND 2020 AND PROVIDING AN ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE RATES THEREAFTER.

WHEREAS, Section 934.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Huber Heights sets forth the water distribution rates for all municipal water customers; and

WHEREAS, based on the 2018 annual water rate survey of communities within the region the City has the eighth lowest water rate out of the 63 communities surveyed; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined it is necessary to increase the water distribution rates across the board in 2019 by fifteen percent and again to increase such rates across the board in 2020 by another fifteen percent; and

WHEREAS, Council desires that beginning in year 2021, the water rates then in place be increased annually through a cost of living increase based on the Consumer Price Index, Series ID # CUURD200SA0, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Huber Heights, Ohio that:

Section 1. Section 934.02(a), (b) and (c) of Chapter 934 Rates and Fees for Water Distribution and Sanitary Sewer Services, of Title Three, Public Utilities, of Part Nine Streets and Public Services, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Huber Heights is hereby amended to read as follows:

934.02 WATER DISTRIBUTION RATES.

(a) Except as provided elsewhere in this section, water rates for all customers, including Customers that reside within the City limits that are in the Huber East Water District System shall be as follows.

(1) The billing period shall be monthly and include estimated or actual readings.

(2) The water rates to be charged shall be based on the volume of water consumption and the size of the water meter(s) servicing a property as follows:

Effective through the last billing in December 2018	Effective through the last billing in December 2018
Consumption Volume	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet
0 to 1500 cubic feet	\$1.7794
Over 1500 cubic feet	1.5045

Effective with the first billing in January 2019:	Effective with the first billing in January 2019:
Consumption Volume	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet
0 to 1500 cubic feet	\$2.0463
Over 1500 cubic feet	1.7302

Effective with the first billing in January 2020:	Effective with the first billing in January 2020:
Consumption Volume	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet
0 to 1500 cubic feet	\$2.3532
Over 1500 cubic feet	1.9897

(3) Monthly service charges for water distribution services shall be based on the size of the largest meter servicing a property as follows:

Effective through the last billing in December 2018	Effective through the last billing in December 2018	Effective through the last billing in December 2018
Meter Size	Residential User Service Charge	Commercial User Service Charge
5/8"	\$10.28	\$10.28
1"	25.40	25.40
1 1/2"	50.63	54.02
2"	80.86	86.27
3"	151.44	161.56
4"	255.82	272.95

Effective with the first billing in January 2019:	Effective with the first billing in January 2019:	Effective with the first billing in January 2019:
Meter Size	Residential User Service Charge	Commercial User Service Charge
5/8"	\$11.82	\$11.82
1"	29.21	29.21
1 1/2"	58.22	62.12
2"	92.99	99.21
3"	174.16	185.79
4"	294.19	313.89

Effective with the first billing in January 2020:	Effective with the first billing in January 2020:	Effective with the first billing in January 2020:
Meter Size	Residential User Service Charge	Commercial User Service Charge
5/8"	\$13.59	\$13.59
1"	33.59	33.59
1 1/2"	66.95	71.44
2"	106.94	114.09
3"	200.28	213.66
4"	338.32	360.97

Monthly service charges for water distribution for meter sizes not enumerated above shall be determined by the City Engineer in proportion to the rates for meter sizes listed above. The Citizens Water and Sewer Advisory Board shall hear appeals concerning service charge determinations by the City Engineer and provide a recommendation of final action to the City Council. The City Council shall make the final decision regarding any appeal concerning service charge determinations by the City Engineer.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, Huber East Water District customers located outside of the City limits shall pay rates according to the following schedule:

- (1) Monthly service charge based on meter size.

Effective through the last billing in December 2018:	Effective through the last billing in December 2018:
Meter Size	Service Charge
5/8"	\$ 15.21
1"	36.53
1 1/2"	72.05
2"	114.67
3"	214.13

Effective with the first billing in January 2019:	Effective with the first billing in January 2019:
Meter Size	Service Charge
5/8"	\$17.49
1"	42.01
1 1/2"	82.86
2"	131.87
3"	246.25

Effective with the first billing in January 2020:	Effective with the first billing in January 2020:
Meter Size	Service Charge
5/8"	\$20.11
1"	48.31
1 1/2"	95.29
2"	151.65
3"	283.19

- (2) Volume charge based on the volume of consumption per cubic feet.

Effective through the last billing in December 2018	Effective through the last billing in December 2018
Consumption Volume	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet
0 to 1500 cubic feet	\$4.1233
Over 1500 cubic feet	3.5601

Effective with the first billing in January 2019:	Effective with the first billing in January 2019:
Consumption Volume	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet
0 to 1500 cubic feet	\$4.7418
Over 1500 cubic feet	4.0941

Effective with the first billing in January 2020:	Effective with the first billing in January 2020:
Consumption Volume	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet
0 to 1500 cubic feet	\$5.4531
Over 1500 cubic feet	4.7082

- (c) Water Rates for Commercial/Industrial Customers not Within the City Limits.

(1) Commercial/Industrial Water District customers located outside of the City limits shall pay rates according to the following schedule:

A. Monthly service charge based on meter size.

Effective through the last billing in December 2018:	Effective through the last billing in December 2018:
Meter Size	Service Charge
5/8"	\$ 18.26
1"	43.84
1 1/2"	92.26
2"	146.82
3"	274.17

Effective with the first billing in January 2019:	Effective with the first billing in January 2019:
Meter Size	Service Charge
5/8"	\$21.00
1"	50.42
1 1/2"	106.10
2"	168.84
3"	315.30

Effective with the first billing in January 2020:	Effective with the first billing in January 2020:
Meter Size	Service Charge
5/8"	\$24.15
1"	57.98
1 1/2"	122.02
2"	194.17
3"	362.60

B. Volume charge based on the volume of consumption per cubic feet.

Effective through the last billing in December 2018:	Effective through the last billing in December 2018:
Consumption Volume	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet
0 to 1500 cubic feet	\$4.9479
Over 1500 cubic feet	4.2842

Effective with the first billing in January 2019:	Effective with the first billing in January 2019:
Consumption Volume	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet
0 to 1500 cubic feet	\$5.6901
Over 1500 cubic feet	4.9268

Effective with the first billing in January 2020:	Effective with the first billing in January 2020:
Consumption Volume	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet
0 to 1500 cubic feet	\$6.5436
Over 1500 cubic feet	5.6658

Section 2. Effective with the April 2021 billing, all of the water rates then in effect shall be subject to an annual cost of living increase based on the Consumer Price Index, Series ID #

CUURD200SA0, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics using the 12 month percentage change of December to December.

Section 3. Section 934.02(d) shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall go into effect upon its passage as provided by law and the Charter of the City of Huber Heights.

Passed by Council on the 10th day of September, 2018;
__5__ Yeas; __2__ Nays.

Effective Date: October 10, 2018

AUTHENTICATION:

Anthony C. Rodge
Clerk of Council

9-13-18
Date

[Signature]
Mayor

9/17/18
Date